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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: SNAR

SUBJECT: NARCOTICS - DEA PARTICIPATION IN CONTRACT  
EVALUATION TEAM

1. AS THE EMBASSY IS AWARE, DEPARTMENT STRONGLY  
SUPPORTS DEA'S VIEW THAT USG MUST HAVE OBSERVATION/  
VERIFICATION OF MEXICAN POPPY ERADICATION CAMPAIGN  
INDEPENDENT, TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE, OF GOM REPORTS.  
AFTER GOM REQUESTED DEPARTURE OF DEA PERSONNEL WHO  
PERFORMED VERIFICATION MISSIONS, APPARENTLY BECAUSE  
OF GOM MILITARY COMPLAINTS OF US PERSONNEL IN  
"OPERATIONAL ROLE", DEPARTMENT CONTRACTED WITH DEA'S  
CONCURRENCE AND GOM APPROVAL AAI, A PRIVATE US FIRM,  
TO VERIFY CAMPAIGN RESULTS.

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2. AAI IS WELL-KNOWN TO GOM AND PERFORMED SERVICES  
UNDER GOM CONTRACT FOR SEVERAL YEARS. WE UNDERSTAND  
AAI PASSES REPORTS FREELY TO AG. GOM MILITARY, IF  
INDEED THE OBJECTING INSTITUTION, MAY BE OVERLY SENSITIVE  
TO FUNCTIONS OF THE FIVE AAI PERSONNEL WHO SERVE  
ONLY AS OBSERVERS WITHOUT ANY DISCERNABLE "OPERATIONAL  
ROLE". WE FRANKLY DOUBT MILITARY WOULD FIND AAI'S

PRESENCE MORE PALATABLE UNDER GOM CONTRACT. MOREOVER,  
USG WOULD NO LONGER HAVE AN INDEPENDENT VERIFIER OF

ERADICATION CAMPAIGNS IF UNDER GOM CONTRACT. POSSIBLY,  
INCLUSION OF DEA ANALYST IN AAI TEAM WAS REAL BASIS  
FOR AG TO REQUEST FUTURE AAI EVALUATIONS UNDER GOM  
CONTRACT.

3. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO ASK AG EXEC OFFICER  
BAEZA TO EMPHASIZE TO MILITARY AAI'S COOPERATIVE ROLE  
ASSISTING GOM AND USG AND TO STRESS AAI PERSONNEL ARE  
CIVILIANS WHO PERFORM OBSERVATION MISSIONS STRICTLY  
WITHIN GOM GUIDELINES. IF BAEZA INSISTS AAI OR OTHER  
US TEAM MUST BE CONTRACTED BY GOM FOR FUTURE EVALUATIONS,  
EMBASSY SHOULD EXPLORE POSSIBILITY OF INCLUDING A DEA  
ANALYST AS "GUEST OBSERVER".

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